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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1671

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 12, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Regional Water, Sewage, and Solid Waste Districts.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Lehe

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits a regional sewage district from requiring the owner of a property to connect to the district's sewer system if the property is already connected to a sewer system that was approved by a state governmental entity. It provides that if the board of trustees of a regional water, sewage, or solid waste district consists of one or more appointed members, the board must obtain the written approval of the appointing authority before adopting an ordinance to establish rates or charges for use of the district's works.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: See *Explanation of Local Expenditures* below.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Prohibiting a district from requiring the owner of a property to connect to the district's sewer system if the property is already connected to a sewer system that was approved by a state governmental entity will reduce revenue for local sewer districts by an indeterminable amount. The specific impact will depend on the number, location, and water use of properties that do not connect to the district because the property is connected to a system approved by a state governmental entity.

The bill also requires boards that are appointed and not elected to get approval from their appointing authorities before setting a rate, increasing a rate, or increasing the size of the district. The appointing

authority could include the Governor or the Commissioner of the Department of Correction. The impact of this provision is also indeterminable and will depend on local or state action.

State Agencies Affected: Governor; Department of Correction.

Local Agencies Affected: Regional water, sewage, and solid waste districts.

Information Sources:

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